1	2	3	4
	UNION TERRITORIES		
26	A&N Islands	0·00	0·00
27	Chandigarh	0·00	0·00
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5·23	5·23
29	Daman & Diu	1·60	0·25
30	Delhi	0·00	0·00
31	Lakshadweep	0·00	0·00
32	Pondicherry	2·49	0·56
	TOTAL of UT's	9·32	6·04
	TOTAL OF UT's + STATES	22319·53	3097·56

Fury of floods in Bihar

2567. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ar aware that many parts of Biha are inundated by flood water o rivers emanating from Nepal every year;

(b) if so, what preventive action Government have taken to save flood prone areas of Bihar from the fury of floods during the current monsoon period;

(c) whether Government have discussed the problem and flood control measure with the Government of Nepal to find a way to save Bihar from floods;

(d) if so, what is the response of the Government of Nepal in this regard;

(e) whether Government propose to establish an independent Flood Control Authority exclusively for Bihar;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) what steps Government propose to take for flood control in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a), (c) and (d) The flood management for parts of Bihar getting inundated from rivers emanating from Nepal were *inter-alia* discussed between the Prime Minister of Nepal and India in December, 1991. The remedial measures agreed include preparation of project reports for reservoirs on rivers Kosi, Kamla and Bagmati, Extension of embankment along rivers at the border and early commissioning of flood forecasting stations in the Upper catchment by Nepal.

(b) and (g) Maintenance of existing flood control schemes, completion of ongoing schemes and taking

up of some new schemes are planned for this year with an outlay of Rs. 55 crores. A provision of Rs. 5 crores has also been made for flood proofing works.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. Under the existing arrangements no difficulty has been encountered.

Construction of artificial lakes

2568. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Water and Power Consultancy Service Limited has suggested the construction of artificial lakes in the Bhatti mines area near Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) to what extent this project is likely to benefit the people of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE HRI V.C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In response to a query received from Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking concerning investigations for storing rain water in the Union Territory of Delhi (Bhatti Mines), WAPCOS have submitted their proposal outlining the following line of action;

(i) Study the rainfall data of Delhi to determine the spatial and tme variations in order to make a rough estimate of the Wate potential of different areas surveyed.

(ii) Come up with an estimate of approximately how much populated area this can serve for meeting their drinking water needs and with what reliability.

(iii) To finally determine the viability of the concept of storage of rain water based on meteorological and other factors.

(iv) Studies which would also outline the likely benefits that might accrue.

The proposal is under the scrutiny of the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking.

Irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh

2569. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased

(a) What is the exiting irrigation potential availalble in Madhya Pradesh, as compared to other States and Union Territories, in terms of acreage and the percentage of total land area; and

(b) to what extent this irrigation potential is utilised in Madhya Pradesh and other States/Union Terriories?